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SUBJECT: LATVIA TO SUPPORT GMO ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY AT
NOVEMBER 26 EU AG MINISTERS MEETING

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PLEASE PASS TO US TRADE MELISSA CLARKSON
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Classified By: Charge D'Affaires a.i. Stuart M. Seldowitz for Reasons 1
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11. (C) Pol/Econ Off delivered reftel demarche on November 21
to Dace Freimane, Deputy Director of the Agriculture
Ministry's EU Affairs Division. Freimane said that her
office was currently preparing notes for Agriculture Minister
Roze regarding the November 26 meeting. She stated that
while she couldn't go into specifics of Latvia's positions,
the Agriculture Ministry does not support GMOs in general and
that they favor continuance of the EU's zero tolerance policy
for unapproved varieties in imports.
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